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## SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 23-24 and 26-29 without prejudice or disclaimer of matter contained therein.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 23-24 and 26-29 have been cancelled to reduce the number of issues on appeal. Applicant disagrees with the standing rejections to these claims, and reserves the right to prosecute these claims by way of a continuing application.

Respectfully submitted,

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